

Appln. No.: 10/522,272
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 2. This sheet replaces the original sheets.

Attachment

Remarks/Arguments:

Objection to the Specification

The Abstract was objected to as containing the phrase "The present invention relates." Applicants respectfully submit that the replacement Abstract submitted herewith addresses the examiner's concerns and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Objection to the Drawings

Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings were objected to for failing to include a proper symbol or label for each block in the respective figure. Applicants respectfully submit that each block in Figure 1 is properly labeled. A replacement sheet including Figure 2 with each label in the English language is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that the replacement sheet submitted herewith addresses the examiner's concerns and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-19 as amended particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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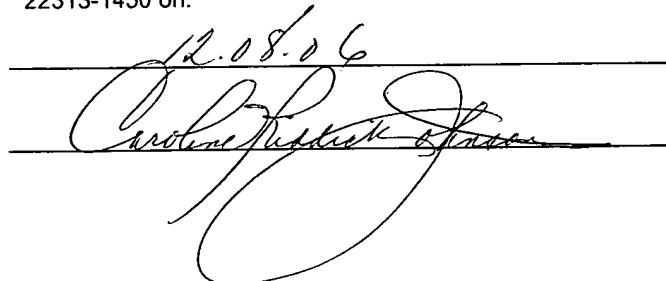
Attachments: Figure 2 (1 sheet)
Abstract

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